PUSH U-BOAT WAR, SAYS REICHSTAG; CALL U.S. UNFAIR

Leaders Attack Attitude of America and Say "Throttle Britain"

SOCIALISTS BACK PLAN

"Only Means of Self-Preservation," "We Are Fighting for Existence," Among Pleas

BERLIN, April 8 .- If the channel boat Sussex, carrying Americans, was torpedoed by a German submarine, the U-boat commander violated his instructions, it was stated unconditionally here today.

The Sussex was a passenger-carrying ferryboat, according to reports brought here. She, therefore, came under the protection of the Government assured to passenger liners in a communication transmitted to President Wilson by Ambassador Bernstorff after the Arabic torpedoing.

On the other hand, it was made equally plain, the cases of the four other ships about which President Wilson has made inquiry, are entirely different. These four vessels were freighters. Germany at no time during the negotiations pledged berself to warn freighters before attacking them with her submarines. While these freight vessels continue to supply the Allies with both munitions and food, and as long as the Allies continue their starvation policy against Germany, the German Government will never yield the right to sink them.

WASHINGTON, April 8 .- President Wilson will return to Washington at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon. A wireless from the Mayflower on which he left last night for a Potomac River cruise informed the White House today of his intention to return immediately. No reason was assigned for the sudden change.

BERLIN, April 8.

The Reichstag has voted the imperial budget and the committee resolutions on

marine warfare. These resolutions declare that "Germany's sea warfare should be carried through by all means most instrumental securing a successful issue of the war." In the debate the leaders of practically all parties called for vigorous presecution of the submarine campaign against Allied shipping, and touched upon the compli

cations with the United States. Friedrich Ebert, leader of the Socialists, said that the Socialists, who as representatives of the working classes would be the chief sufferers from the projected throttling of German trade and industry, must continue to support the Government

"We believe the navy's defensive measures are justified against the British, who plan to throttle and starve us." he conplan to throttle and starve us, be continued. "We are fighting for our existing the continued." Tazione del pane per clascun adulto e' stata dalle autorità ridotta a 210 grammi e la pesca e' problèta. Solo nelle giornate la pesca e' problèta. Solo nelle giornate di lumbraria warara. The firitish Govern submarine warfare. The British Govern-ment makes ruthless use of the right of ure at sea, and submarine war is the only measure of self-preservation against this."

Dr. Gustav Stresemann, National Liberal, said: "Against the more stringent blockade of Germany, which was decided upon at the Paris conference, we must use our

sharp weapons in order to bridle Eng-land's arrogance."

Count von Westarp, Conservative, con-demned the attitude of the United States in supplying ammunition to the Entente
Allies and continued:

"The German people are firmly re-solved to disregard the unjustified de-mands of America. We shall of course, respect justified interests of neutrals, but they must acknowledge our duty and right to defend our existence with all means at our disposal."

WASHINGTON, April 8. Germany's reply to the American in-quiries regarding responsibility for the at-tacks upon the steamships Sussex, Man-Engineer and Englishman reach the State Department not later than Monday.

A preliminary note from Ambassador

Gerard announcing the receipt of the re-ply was expected by Secretary Lansing during today. It was stated that no in-timation of its contents would be given until after the complete text has been examined by the Secretary and President Wilson. Meanwhile the submarine situation will remain unchanged.

tion will remain unchanged.

Officials were at a loss today to explain the apparent optimism in Berlin where, according to press dispatches, the latest developments of the submarine situation are said to be resarded as "not serious." So far as the Wilson Administration is concerned the opposite is the case. The President, backed unanimously by his entire official family, is determined to press the issue of whether German promises have been violated to a sharp speedy conclusion, although it is carefully explained clusion, although it is carefully explained that any action that is taken will be predicated on absolute legal proof that Americated lcan rights were violated.

BELGIAN KING'S BIRTHDAY

10,000,000 Badges for Relief of Subjects Put on Sale

Today, birthday of King Albert of Bel-

gium, is being observed in this country by the sale of 10,000,000 badges for the bene-fit of the war sufferers of Belgium. This means of raising funds, conceived by the daughters of the American Revolu-tion and the Commission for Relief in Bel-gium, was approved by Governor Brum-baugh in a statement as follows:

"Since the Commission for Relief in Beigium, through its National Committee, states that the need for food and ciothing for the 3,00,009 destitute in Belgium and northern France is still imperative and since the great humanitarian work of the sommission is strictly neutral in every respect. I wish now to simplify my deep interest and approval in this worthy movement and urgently to request that all our nitizens respend liberally to this appeal so that we may do our share in relieving the dire distress of those helpless and innomity victims of the war across the seas."

Franklin Nursery Campaign Extended

Spain Sends Delegate to Allies' Conference

MADRID, April 8.—Dr. Alphonso Costa, Spanish Minister of Finance, has gone to Paris to atend a conference on economic affairs held by representatives of the Allies, it was announced today.

This is the first intimation that Spain has decided to link its fate with that of the Entente Powers, though there has been growing irritation in that country against Germany for many months.

DUE VELIVOLI NEMICI ABBATTUTI DI NOTTE DA AVIATORI ITALIANI

Una Battaglia nelle Nuvole, nella Luce di Riflettori e di Razzi, Perduta dagli Austriaci

ATTACCHI FRUSTRATI

ROMA, 8 Aprile. Sulla fronte dell'Isonzo si e' svoita una sattaglia di nottetempo tra aeropiani taliani ed austriaci, battaglia che e' finita con la vittoria dei primi, essendo due veli-voli austriaci stati abbattuti. La bat-tuglia si e' svolta al di sopra delle linee avversarie in un'orgia di luce emanata dal riflettori e dal rami illuminanti. Ma cannoni antinerei italiani non potettero strare in azione perche sarebbe stato cilissimo colpire i velivoli italiani invece

quelli pemiel. Il Ministero della Guerra ha pubblicate sta mattina il seguente comunicato ficiale sulla situazione alla fronte italo-

ustriaca: "Combattimenti tra aeroplani ci hann tato un altro brillante successo. Ieri nostri aviatori e le nostre batterle anti erle respinsero parecchi raida tentat iagli aviatori austriaci sulla fronte felle Alpi Carniche e su quella dell'Isonzo. Il nemico allora, vedendo l'impossibilita' superare le nostre difese aeree di giorno. de tentaro una incursione di notte.

"leri sera sette aeropiani austriaci si innalzarono sulla pianura compresa tra Tsonzo ed il Tagliamento. I nostri aviaorl pero attaccarono audacemente la squadriglia nemica e riuscirono ad abbat-tere due neropiani austriaci. I quattro ifficiali che erano su queste due macchine

ono stati fatti prigionieri." Sull'altopiano del Carso le forze aus ache tentarono di attaccare le posizion italiane, ma furono ricacciate indietro con gravi perdite. Sul resto della fronte del l'Isonzo e sulle fronti della Val Sugana e lia Val Lagarina sono in corso duelli di

Nell'alta valle del Cordevole i profettil di una batteria italiana hanno fatto espledere un deposito di munizioni del

Su tutta la fronte italo-austriaca de si nota una importante ripresa di attivita

leri sera il Ministero della Guerra nor ha pubblicato alcun comunicato ufficiale circa la situazione alla fronte italo-

Un telegramma da Parigi dice che un ittadino di mazione neutrale, che cittadino di nazione neutrale, che e appena giunto dalla capitale francese da Trieste, ha detto che la popolazione di quella citta' italiana che aspetta la liberazione dalla guerra dell'Italia e' ridotta ad appena 80,000 abitanti i quali soffrono per la carestia. Le strande della citta' sono invase da un gran numero di topi e di gatti affamati i quali ultimi qualebe polta hanno perfino attaccato qualche volta hanno perfino attaccato esseri umani. In due o tre giorni sono stati uccisi ben 800 gatti.

Molti bambini sono morti di fame. La carne e di burro, ma negli altri giorni e' assolutamente impossibile procurarsi questi cibi. Le razioni di viveri sono di-vise tenendo conto della quantita' di viveri che si hanno a disposizione. La scarsi-ezza del carbone ha fatto si che numeroezza del carbone ha fatto si che aumero-sissimi edifizii rimanessero perfettamente freddi durante l'inverno, cosi' che il freddo fu sentito come mai lo era statao. La città' e' rimasta assai spesso al bulo e delle persone sono perfino cadute ed an-negate nel canale appunto per l'ascurita'.

"GAS" FROM CITY LAMPS SOLD TO MOTORISTS

Continued from Page One charge a higher rate for lighting the city streets. Though the retail price of gasoline is now 25 cents, the alleged thieves willingly sold it for 14 cents and had no difficulty in finding customers. Wealthy automobile owners, as well as garage keepers and chauffeurs, are said to have been among those who bought from them. Some of the customers bought it knowing it had been stolen, while others were ignorant of the circumstances under which it was being distributed. The four men arrested are said to be only the first of an accused band the company will try to send to jail. send to jail.

other employes testified against them his morning at a hearing in the 32d street and Woodland avenue police station. The witnesses declared that the prisoners would place requisitions for a larger amount of gasoline than they needed each day to fill the lamps. The oll came from the branch stations of the company. The surplus was then sold, without incurring the suspicions of the corporations. It was

the suspicions of the corporations. It was believed at first that pedestrians stole the gasoline from the lamps at night.

The four prisoners are J. Egnezio, of 3255 Memphis street; Thomas Rose, of 2253 Agate street; D. Scopratto, of 5728 Pearl street, and Scopratto's brother, Antonio, of Pearl and Vine streets. The Magistrate held them under \$600 ball for a further hearing next Thursday. Un-able to furnish ball they were taken to Moyamensing prison.

MISS EMELINE H. MANN

Widely Known Writer Contributed to Many Publications

Miss Emeline Howard Mann, who was widely known in literary circles, died to-day at her home, 727 North 17th street. She was 70 years old, and until a few months ago was active in her work. Miss Mann was the daughter of the late Colonel William B. Mann, who served as District Attorney and Prothonotary of the Common Pleas Courts, and was prominent in State politics many years ago.

in State politics many years ago.
In addition to literature, Miss Mann devoted herself to music and languages. She sketched and wrote considerably on she sketched and wrote considerably on art and historical incidents, and her articles appeared in numerous publica-tions. She spoke and wrote five lan-guages, and conducted classes for the study of current events. She also assisted many young students in preparation for their preliminary examination for the law

Miss Mann was a member of the Civic Club. Quaker City Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution; Betsy Ross Tent. Daughters of Veters, U. S. A.; the Browning Society, the Dickens Fellowship, the Alumnae Association of the Girls' High and Normal Schools and the Historical and Normal Schools and the Historical Society.

SLAVS RESUME ONSLAUGHT ON NAROCZ FRONT

Push Drive Against Von Hindenburg's Dvinsk-Vilna Line

ACTIVE IN DVINA REGION

LONDON, April 8 Two offensive movements, one in fi wing, the other in a preparatory sta-nark the situation on the eastern front. mark the situation on the eastern front.

The Russians, undeterred by the losses suntained during the last month in the same region, resumed during the last 48 hours their furious onelaughts against Field Marshal von Hindenburg's centre, around Lake Narocz, with the Dvinsk-Vilna sector as the objective.

Berlin reports that all attacks broke down under the German fire, but adds that the Russian artillery fire continues without abatement.

Petrograd reports that the breaking up of the lee continues, "making troop movements impracticable." Hindenburg is believed to be figuring with the spring freshets which soon will render the Russian lowland positions extremely difficult.

freshets which soon will render the Russian lowland positions extremely difficult.
The Russians unearthed 42 land mines in the village of Sverjkovce, taken by them several days ago. German attempts to retake the village failed. The following statement was issued by the Jussian War Office:

On the Dvina front enemy acro-

planes have been very active and have dropped many bombs. The breaking up of the les continues and the marshes are thawing, the muddy roads rendering troops move-ments impracticable.

Lively artillery duels have occurred in the Jacobstadt-Dvinsk region. Our alreraft have made several suc-cessful rable. In the region southwest of Dvinsk Aviator Lieutenant Brbass brought down a dirigible, which fell South of the Dvinsk region the has

South of the Dvinsk region the assi-tile artillery developed a violent fire in the region of Widsy, north of Lake Miadziol, as well as in the region be-tweer Lakes Miadziol and Narocz. Aeropianes flew over a great part of General Evert's front, dropping many

In the upper Strypa region our scouts dispersed enemy working par ties, wrecking trenches which were under construction.

During the occupation of the village of Sverjkovce we unearthed 42 land mines and selzed many cartridges, rifles and hand grenades. The enemy tried to recapture the village, but

BRUMBAUGH AND SMITH HEAD DELEGATE SLATE

Name of James Alcorn a Surprise on List Being Made Up Here Today

Governor Brumbaugh and Mayor Smith will head the slate of Brumbaugh candi-dates for delegates at large to the Republican National Convention. The slate n being made at conferences here to-

day.

Nine of the 12 candidates have been s lected. The list includes a surprise for politicians, as it includes the name of James Alcorn, former City Solicitor and Franklin party candidate last fall for that office. The selection of Alcorn was entirely unexpected.

SOME OF THE SELECTIONS. The list as arranged early this afternoon follows:

oon follows:
Governor Brumbaugh.
Mayor Smith.
Henry W. Wasson, Republican National
Committeeman from Pennsylvania. Auditor General A. W. Poweil. Ex-Speaker George E. Alter, of Pitts-

Ex-Lieutenant Governor John M. Rey-Colonel Henry W. Shoemaker, of Al-

State Senator William J. Burke, of Pittsburgh, James Alcorn. PENROSE CANDIDATES. The list of Penrose candidates was an-ounced last night. It follows:

Senator Penrose Alba B. Johnson, president of the Baldwin Locomotive Works.

John Gribbel, president of the Union Lengue

James Elverson, Jr. Senator Oliver, of Pittsburgh, Mayor Joseph G. Armstrong, of Pittsergh. E. V. Habcock, of Pittsburgh.

. Gillespie, of Pittsburgh. Stackpole, of Harrisburg. W. Harry Baker, secretary of the State Republican Committee, Harrisburg, William E. Crow, chalrman of the Re-publican State Committee, Uniontown. George Scull, of Somerset County, Guy Moore, of Luzerne County.

AEROPLANES IN NIGHT BATTLE ON ISONZO

Two Austrian Machines Brought Down in Thrilling Fight by Italians

ROME, April 8. A night battle between aeroplanes above the Isonzo front resulted in a victory for the Italians, two of the Austrian ma-chines being downed. The fight took place high above the lines amidst the giare of searchlights and star bombs. The Italian high-angle guns were unable to go into action for fear of hitting some of the Italian machines. The he Italian machines. The following Office

Air fights have furnished us an-other brilliant success. Yesterday several raids on the Carnic and Isonoc fronts were repulsed. Seeing the impossibility of overcoming our air defenses by day, the enemy tried a night raid. Last night several Aus-

a night raid. Last night several Austrian aeroplanes rose over the plains, between the Isonzo and Tagliamonto Rivers. Our aviators boldly attacked and repulsed the enemy flotilla, bringing down two planes. The four occupants were made prisoners.

On the Carso Plateau, Austro-Hungarian forces tried to attack the Italian positions, but were driven back with heavy losses. On the balance of the Isonzo front, and on the fronts of the Sugana and Lagarina Valleys artillery duels are in progress.

In the upper Cordevole Italian shells exploded an amsmunition depot.

There is great activity throughout the whole theatre of action, the official statement added.

A 10-day extension of the campaign to raise \$15,000 for the Frankin Day Nursery, 712 Jackson street, has been decided upon in order to meet the demands of many church and whartable societies.

Lay Blame for Eastland Disaster CHICAGO, April 7.—John Nolan, who, with two others, was convicted in 1900 of attempting to destroy the locks of the many church and whartable societies, which have expressed their desire to aid in the gathering of funds. One contributions of find was turned in yesterder to make the first of the campaign desired to aid in the gathering of funds. One contributions of find was turned in yesterder to make the first of the campaign and Normal Schools and the Historical Canal Conspirator Gets Freedom CHICAGO, April 7.—John Nolan, who, with two others, was convicted in 1900 of attempting to destroy the locks of the welland Canal, has been released from a current standard prison and is on his way to public to rejoin his wife and family. The comparison has been deviced upon in order to meet the demands of the Historical Society.

Canal Conspirator Gets Freedom CHICAGO, April 7.—John Nolan, who, with two others, was convicted in 1900 of attempting to destroy the locks of the welland Canal, has been released from a current standard prison and is on his way to public to rejoin his wife and family. The amount was made by Bernard MacChillan, a Chicago newspaper man, on authority of a communication from John the Tochnical board-vessel safety specific principles. Canal Conspirator Gets Freedom



FRANK W. CRILLEY Chief gunner's mate, of 416 W. Dauphin street, who has received a silver medal from Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo for the rescue of a comrade in salvaging the sunken submarine F-4 off Honolulu, April 17, 1915.

M'NICHOL ADVANTAGE IN SUBWAY CONTRACT

Can Collect Far More Than \$1,700,000 Figure Through Special Clause

A careful study of the specifications under which the Keystone State Construction Company was awarded the contraction Company was awarded the contract for the Broad street subway and station under City Hall together with the bid of the company has revealed the fact that Senator McNichol's concern is in a position to collect far more than the \$1,700,000 figure named in the bid without any change in the contract. change in the contract.

The increased charge would be possible inder the force account item in the specifirations, and the transit director is given full power to say whether or not the work dall proceed under this item. In proposal sheet the "force account item" was No. 37 and on this the Keystone State nstruction Company bid 30 per cent. or per cent, higher than any of the other

The clause relating to this item follows in case any work or materials shall be required to be done or furnished be required to be done or furnished which is not specified herein or indicated on the plans, and which is of a class not covered by the unit prices in the contract, the contractor shall perform such work and furnish such material at and for the actual and necessary net cost to him for labor and material, plus the percentage bid in item 22 of the contract for superintendence and the use of tools and plant. plant.

According to those who have studied the specifications and the contrast the Keystone Company, with the approval of Director Twining, could rebuild the foun-dation walls under City Hall, as is now ssary, under the item given above and charge the 30 per cent, named in the bid. This would assure the company a large profit. Should the Transit Director not approve of the continuance of work under this item, it is said, an en-tirely new contract or a supplementary ontract would be necessary.

tract, should the cost of rebuilding the fond's employ 10 years and has one child. The reputations of City Hall in the line of the subway reach \$3,000,000, the taxpayers would be forced to pay the McNichol con-Under this force account item of concern \$960,000 for "supering the use of tools and plant." "superintendence and

War Engineering Talk Tonight The second lecture on military engineer-ing by Colonel George A. Zinn, United States Engineer Corps, before the Engi-neers Club of Philadelphia will be given at Witherspoon Hall tonight. Field engineering, including reconnaissance, map production, sanitation, illumination of battiefields, road and bridge building, con-struction, operation and maintenance of ailways under military control and field fortifications will be explained by Colonel Zinn.

Big Preparedness Meetings Held Two large meetings in the preparedness campaign of the Philadelphia Branch of the National Security League were held last night. More than 300 members of the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Institute of Banking heard George Went-worth Carr speak upon "Preparedness for Peace." The other speaker was Dr. Al-fred Reginald Allen, who gave an illus-trated lecture on "Life in United States Army Camps."

Roeshman Gets Band Contract Again Benjamin Roeshman, leader of the Mulic squares last year, has received contract to furnish the music this mer. He will receive \$13,562 for 90 oncerts with a band of 46 men

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FIGHT OPENS IN HOUSE ON ARMY SCHOOL BILL; LIFT TOWARD CIVIL LIFE

Plan to Give Each Soldier 75 Hours' Instruction Each Month in Vocational Training

HAS PASSED SENATE

WASHINGTON, April 8 .- With the ! fluence of Secretary Baker behind it, a fight was begun in the House today for the making of the army into a great school to teach trades and occupations that will fit army men for civil life. If the fight is successful, the House will recede from its opposition to the vo-cational training system. The provision would mean each month every chilsted man will receive 75 hours of instructions

from officers and specially employed civ Highs in an occupation which he choose as best fitted to afford him a living after ne leaves the army. The men are to be encouraged to leave the army at the end of a two-year enlistment, instead of being given a bonus for re-enlistment as now.

For five years after their two-year enlistment they are to serve in the reserves, subject to call in time of war. Within five years, it is estimated by army officers, there will be more than a quarter of a million men in civil life competent not only for first-line service but for training rookies. From an economical point of view they will be an industrial asset instead of a drain, friends of the measure say. Professional soldiering will be discouraged. given a bonus for re-enlistment as now.

The measure, introduced by Senator Hoke Smith, passed the Senate late yes erday as an amendment to the Chamber ain army act. A similar attempt earlier n the session was rejected by the House on the grounds of economy—the claim seing made that instruction would be

Senator Smith assured House members today that Secretary Baker is genuinely interested in the innovation and will give it every advantage in administration of its succeeds in passing the house. Army offi-cers, too, have become converted to it. Mr.

TWO R. R. MEN ACCUSED OF ROBBING THE MAIL

Arrested on Charge of Stealing \$1000 Worth of Parcel Post Packages

Parcel post robberies totaling \$1000

Parcel post robberies totaling \$1000 early today caused the arrest of two employes of the West Chester division of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

They are Herbert Good, assistant conductor, of 2847 North 24th street, and Ollie B. Hastings, assistant baggageman, of 5614 Christian street. Their wives collapsed when they were arrested by Chief Postal Inspector Certelyou, Postal Inspectors McVickar, Wynne and Holtby and City Hall Detectives Ayres and Spilman, Much of the missing loot, "cluding an automobile pump alleged to have been taken last night by Good, was recovered taken last night by Good, was recovered at the prisoners' homes, the inspectors say. The arrests followed several weeks of

"shadowing" and investigation by detec-tives and inspectors. For six months parcels between Broad Street Station and west Chester have disappeared and many complaints were lodged. The stolen articles range from clothing to sliverware, worth at least \$1000, according to Chief Inspector Cortelyou.

The prisoners will have a hearing before a United States Commussioner at the Federal Building today. Good, 17 years in the railroad's employ, also is an automobile agent and conducts a garage at 2925 North 21st. He has four young children. Hastings has been in the rail-

SUNK BY SUBMARINE

LONDON, April 8.—The British liner Chantala has been sunk by a submarine. The British steamships Braunton and Clyde have been blown up, presumably by

Lloyd's dispatches announcing the detruction of the three vessels state that he crews of the Braunton and Clyde were saved, but give no information with reference to the Chantala's saliors. The last-named vessel was the largest. It displaced 4949 tons, halled from Glasgow and plied between England and India. The Braunton displaced 4575 tons, was built in 1911, and its home port was Glas-There are four ships named Clyde.

Mrs. Katherine Shuster

Mrs. Katherine Shuster, 91 years old. died early yesterday morning at her home, 6624 Ridge avenue, Roxborough. Several weeks ago she fell and suffered a fractured hip. She was taken to St. Timothy's Hos-pital, but asked several days ago that she be taken to her home. The weakness of old age, combined with the shock, resulted in her death.

The War Today

The Germans have made additional progress south of Haucourt, northwest of Verdun. Teuton attacks against the slopes of Fort Vaux were repulsed.

The Kaiser's troops, attacking in the night, struck both east and south of Haucourt. The assault on the east failed.

French troops have renewed their counter-drive southeast of Bethin-court, where, Paris claims, they have made gains,

Russians are pressing their of-fensive against von Hindenburg on the Dvinsk-Vilna front, Petro-grad reports officially. Berlin de-clares Russian attacks are weak-

The British are making headway in their advance to relieve the army at Kut-el-Amara,

GERMANS GAIN GROUND NORTHWEST OF VERDUN

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their counter-drive against the German positions southeast of Bethincourt, where they made progress.

East of the Meuse the Teutons attacked the slopes of Fort Vaux, but were driven

AMSTERDAM, April 8 -A big battle the West Flanders front is believed o be imminent. The Germans are making extensive preparations for a severe struggle between Yores and the North Sea coast, massing heavy forces of fresh roops and great quantities of guns and

The defenses along the entire coast re-tion are being reinforced. Military critics ire divided in opinion as to whether a frive will be launched by the Germans or whether the Teutons are preparing to meet a drive by the British.

The text of the official communique fol-

In the Argonne there was a battle with mines at Fille Morte, where we caused two successful explosions, At Hill No. 285 we have occupied the south rim of the crater formed by the explosion of a German mine. West of the Meuse the Germans re-

newed during the night their attacks against our positions south and east of Hancourt. At the latter point, despite his repeated offorts, the enemy was unable to dislodge us from our lines, from which we directed a mur-derous fire which inflicted upon him very serious losses. South of Hau-court the Germans succeeded in gain-ing a fothold in two small works located between Haucourt and Hill No 287, which we occupy. South of Beth-incourt grenade fighting has continued in the communicating trenches along the Bethincourt-Chattancour road and we have gained some advantage.

termittent bombardment directed against our positions. The enemy made an attack with grenades on one of our trenches north of the ridge on which is located Fort Vaux. It was repulsed by our fire.
In the Weevre the night passed

In the Vosges an enemy reconnals

sance force attempted to capture one of our small posts at Langenfeld Kopf, south of Sondermach, but were

dispersed by our rifle fire.

East of the Meuse there was an b

tried here yesterday on a charge of as-saulting Mrs. Imogene Boss, of Baltimore, in his automobile last summer, disagreed.

MAY'S LANDING, N. J. April 8.—For a second time a jury in the case of Mag-istrate Weeks, of Pleasantville, who was

magistrate will be retried soon.

GENTLE SPRING HIDES

HER CHILLED HEAD

UNDER SNOW BLANKET

All Records for April Showers

Broken by Storm That Puts

a Temporary Crimp in

Dreams of Vernal Joys

TRAIN SERVICE BLOCKED

Dreams of spring today were smothered

by a fall of snow that broke all records

for April showers and covered the ground

Persons who thought of budding leaves

and baseball and fishing witnessed telegraph wires broken by the white load, trains delayed and the interurban trolley service radiating from 69th street impeded. From 6 to 8 Inches of snow lay in

In the city, with innumerable furnaces underground, the snow melted into a slush as fast as it fell. Four inches fell in West Philadelphia, and if the snow had not turned to sleet shortly before

noon there is no telling how deep it would have become.

The phenomenon of snow this late in April came from the southwest during the night and is central over West Virginia and Cape Hatteras, moving northward. It was not only snow, but the thickest kind of snow.

It fell in hosts upon hosts of flakes,

ns big as half-dollars, and blanketed the greening earth with white, and lined with ermine the boughs that are budding on

bush and tree. Robins, damp with the flakes that melted against their warm red breasts, hopped about in the snow

that enveloped their legs-and sang. Rob-

The snowfall did not cause as much surprise as it would have if it hadn't snowed to the depth of more than 19 inches the day before last Easter. But it is more remarkable, for today is April 8. No other other snowfall as heavy as this and as late in the spring as this is on record at the Weather Bureau. The latest snow on record, on May 8, 1898, was merely a trace.

A premonition of snow seems to have provailed before the flakes began pouring

out of the dark sky at 2 o'clock this

"I knew it was going to snow." puffed Postmaster Washburn, of Wyncote, as he shoveled a white damp mass from in front of the postoffice. The Weather Eureau suspected it, too. Snow was forecast; and it will continue snowing until it turns to rain some time today or tonight.

WEEKS JURY DISAGREES

Magistrate Accused by Woman Must

Have Third Trial

ins' songs and snow!

morning.

the country.

with a canopy from 4 to 8 inches thick.

The jury took the case at 5 o'clock and after being out all night reported disagreement at 8 o'clock this morning. It is said the jury stood 11 to 1 for conviction. In the former trial, it is said, the jury tood nine to three for conviction.

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